



**AI-604**

**City Council Regular**

**Meeting Date:** 08/21/2012

**Subject:** Trackside Dog Park

**Submitted For:** Steve Gatlin, Public Services Director

**From:** Cher Ridout, Admin Secretary II

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**INTRODUCTION**

At the August 8, 2012 Council meeting, several residents spoke in support of the Trackside Dog Park and leaving it open. Also, Mr. Mike Carter presented Council with a petition with nine signatures of residents adjacent to the dog park requesting that the Trackside Dog Park be closed immediately.

**DISCUSSION**

Staff discussed with the Council at a recent work session, the status of negotiations for a dog park at an alternate location. Planning for the relocation of a dog park is currently underway. The consensus of the City Council seemed to be that the Trackside Dog Park would remain open until such time as a new dog park is operational. The Parks and Recreation Commission also took action at its regular meeting on August 6, 2012 to recommend to Council that the Trackside Dog Park remain open until a replacement park is open.

The next step in the process will be for plans for a new dog park be completed and presented to City Council for approval. Also, negotiations need to be completed with Anoka County and the City of Andover for sharing of costs for operation and maintenance of the new dog park. These discussions are currently ongoing and should be completed by the end of 2012.

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC VISION**

This item relates to the Quality of Life section of the City's long term strategic vision by preserving, maintaining, and strengthening the quality of life in neighborhoods through proactive property maintenance, focus on public safety, strong communication and engagement, and paying attention to specific neighborhood issues and concerns.

**RECOMMENDATION**

No formal action is necessary at this time. Consensus of Council at the work session was that the Trackside Dog Park would remain open until a new dog park is completed.

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